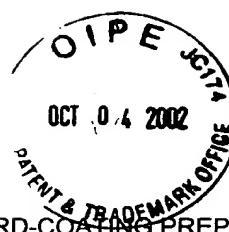


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action in the subject application.

- small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

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■ Petition For Extension Of Time

- for an month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee of \$0.00 is enclosed.  
 petition for an extension of time is NOT necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the appropriate petition fee.

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- Other:

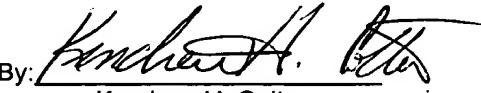
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